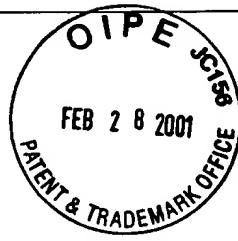


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In re Application of: Nichols et al
 For: USER AUTHENTICATION IN MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEMS
 Serial No.: 09/750,739
 Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2000



CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 26 day of February 2001.

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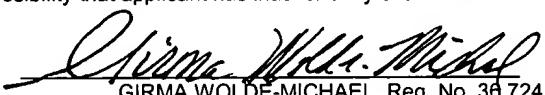
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- Applicant hereby petitions for months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 \$ for extension of time and \$ For for a
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- Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

02/26/01
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